

VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Friday October 2nd at 6PM in the Goldring Student Center
MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

Judiciary

CO-PRESIDENTS	Benjamin Atkins and Gabriel Zoltan-Johan
VP EXTERNAL	Alex Martinborough
VP INTERNAL	Rahul Christofferson
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EQUITY	Claire Wilkins
SCARLET & GOLD	Stuart Norton
SUSTAINABILITY	Leila Atri

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LEVIES

CAT'S EYE

Darren Cheng
Thomas Lynch**OFFICIAL REGRETS**

UTSU DIRECTOR

Auni Ahsan

GUESTS

UTSU VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

Jasmine Denike
Ally Scandolo

Rahul moves to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Benjamin seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Gabriel moves to move Sustainability to the front of the agenda and to have two minutes at the start of the meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

Stuart moves to approve agenda. Gabriel seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

PRESSING ITEMS

- *SUSTAINABILITY* - Leila

- Leila: In about two weeks time I'm going to be hosting an environmental assembly. You are totally welcome to attend. It will be kind of like the caucus, hearing from various green groups. There will be lots of discussion and some great promotional media too. This Sunday a bunch of us are going to the Evergreen Brickworks. It should be a lot of fun. The event is up on Facebook. Vic Ventures is also taking people on bikes. For Doc and Talks, the first one will be next Thursday, which should be happening in alumni hall. I'll send out which film will be screened. There are a bunch of green bins and blue recycling bins in the storage centre. If you ever see any overflowing around campus then go to the storage centre and grab one.

- *VPSO* - Lucinda

- Lucinda: Quick announcement from VCDS, they are having their first production very soon. Tickets are 5 dollars in the cat's Eye. Quick update about club and levy head meetings, there are two, meant to re orient club and levy heads and for any new members. That happened in a different format this year. Typically there were introductions made by each head, this information was found to be overwhelming so this year they were divided into different groups, like writing and publications. They were left for a small amount of time to talk about what they were doing and how they might collaborate. I received pretty positive feedback. Now club ratification. I will tell you guys about some new clubs, and pre-existing clubs looking for status. We will put a motion forward for each one individually. A new club, the

bFriend Community Initiative that is all about community-building, and specifically providing a new opportunity for members of the Vic community to connect. So for anybody who is familiar with the Nuit Blanche installation, the speed meeting, it's like that. I think it's a really neat idea, I think it could be a really fun, new feature at Vic. They have been very on top of applying correctly and everything.

- Alex: There are a lot of clubs that have applied?
- Lucinda: It is one of two or three that are actually new.
- Rahul: There was a similar thing looked into being tried out last year at Cat's Eye. It fell through because there were specific hesitations from the dean's office.
- Bergita: It just needs to be clear that it's not a speed dating thing.
- Lucinda: Of course.

Lucinda moves to approve the bFriend Community Initiative. Stuart seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Lucinda: VicXplore is next.
- Gabriel: Can we hear all of those that have submitted there materials first.
- Lucinda: Sure, we have we have VISA, bFriend, Vic for a Cure, Vic Chorus, Vic Explore, AestheVics and Vic Dance.

Ben moves to omnibus we have VISA, bFriend, Vic for a Cure, Vic Chorus, Vic Explore, AestheVics and Vic Dance. Gabriel seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Lucinda: Aesthevics is a club devoted to sharing the practice of makeup, hairstyling, nail art and things like that. They offer workshops, services, things like that. It's really cool. VISA serves the interests of international students and offer them specific resources. VicXplore is all about geo-caching. Vic Life Drawing, is all with drawing and still life images and real figures. They offer weekly drawing sessions. Vic Chorus sings largely classical music. Vic for a cure is dedicated to cancer awareness and fundraising.

Rahul moves to ratify these clubs we have VISA, bFriend, Vic for a Cure, Vic Chorus, Vic Explore, AestheVics and Vic Dance. Lucinda seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Cricket: What notable events does VISA do? How does VISA do promotion integration?
- Benjamin: During frosh week they host International reception. They also have an international week. They also work with the Dean's Office with international students.
- Carl: They also provide a mentorship program, understanding Canadian culture and stuff.

Claire moves to add 3 minutes to the end of the agenda. Lucinda seconds. Motion passes, one abstaining.

- Lucinda: In the future I would like to carve a bit of time out for major events of clubs and levies. VISA has opening ceremonies, an academic event and advising. A halloween event, a potluck, and much more.
- Cricket: Has VISA been considered an effective association historically?
- Lucinda: That's a great question. If you're interested in this you should talk to me further

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- *UTSU DIRECTORS* - Stephen

- Stephen: I'm Steve, I'm one of two Vic directors. The fall elections are coming up, and there will be voting on the referenda to whether or not Arts and Science want to have a fall reading week. This has been a long time thing. The other part of that is that it would require moving orientation back to before labour day.
- Jasmine: The fall elections are in mid October.
- Stephen: You can vote in that soon. The AGM is on Wednesday with doors open at 4:30. It'll start at about 6. Vic is going down as a group. I really enjoy it, we have bingo and food. The elephant in the room is the UTSU's current legal stuff. I just want to lay out some facts. All I can tell you, which is all public information through court documents you can see in The Varsity, is that the UTSU has filed a statement of claim against Sandy Hudson. So that I don't have to say it before every sentence, all of these claims are only what are alleged in the statement of claim. The claim says that the former executive director currently has money through severance and overtime when she was allegedly terminated. Basically, what happened is that at the end of the former exec's term the former exec director filed for approximately 2400 hours of overtime for approximately 130,000 and was terminated without cause by the executives. This caused her to get approximately 130 000 dollars in severance. The claim says that Sandra was not entitled to this and that there was in fact cause for dismissal.
- Jasmine: The cause for dismissal was for not doing her duties, though the executive thanked her for her duties at a board meeting.
- Stephen: There are approximately an additional 200 000 dollars in damages, for a total of about 477,000 dollars. Basically this is a civil suit, all we are asking is to get the money back. The only responsible person for the money is Sandy. That's all I know as a board member.
- Cricket: Should VUSAC be publicizing this?
- Rahul: I would say as an individual but this is already public info. It's not necessarily our responsibility.
- Stephen: The board has been asked not to comment to much on this. I've been careful about talking about the facts. I don't know if I would recommend VUSAC taking a stance on this.
- Gabriel: In the sense of the minutes we do have a publication of these affairs. Also the strand has written on this.

Rahul moves to extend Stephen's time by 5 minutes. Alex seconds. Motion passes unanimously

GUESTS

- *UTSU* - Jasmine

- Jasmine: I am here to introduce Voteposal. We just had democracy week. The intent of this campaign is to make voting fun and less scary. It's completely non partisan. The idea is to ask somebody to vote with me. Step one is finding a partner. Step two is finding something cute to do. Step three is vote posing. Step four is saying yes. The last step is to take a picture or video of this happening. Also, take a sticker, take a photo of it, and post it somewhere. The incentive is that you will get the opportunity to win two movie tickets. If you feel comfortable doing Voteposals then I would recommend it.
- Thomas: Will the UTSU be releasing any material for this?
- Jasmine: Yes! we will be releasing those tonight.
- Cricket: Is there a specific portfolio for improving voter turnout at Vic?
- Benjamin: I would say equity or VPE. This would be a way to publicize it.
- Carl: What would VUSAC's resources mean?
- Benjamin: We would use the organization to push it however we can.

Ben moves to endorse Voteposal. Alex seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

FINANCE REPORTS

- *FINANCE* - Shannon

- We are in the middle of year budgeting period. Steering met yesterday trying to make our budget something we can handle. We just do not have as much as we wish we did to fund everyone's great ideas, but please advocate for something if you wish to though, so that everyone feels that the budget is fair.
- Gabriel: Also, I don't want everyone to think that these quoted numbers are more drastic than before.
- Shannon: It is still a bit more than last year. A larger budget than years past, it is net larger.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- *SCARLET & GOLD* - Stuart

- Stuart: First, the back to school pub night on sept 17th was a really huge success. We were at capacity by 11:30. Big shoutout to everyone who helped with this. Thanks for supporting me. The semi formal is a new initiative. I am treating this like an alternative to high ball. With this event I am holding it on campus in old vic on November 12th. All council mem-

bers are expected to attend. Tickets will be ten dollars. The inspiration I'm working with is similar to UC's fireball, I've booked the first and second floors. I'm speaking to clubs right now about potential collaborations. Looking at maybe having a gallery of some sort. If you have any suggestions please email me. There will be food. Jacob Cappe's band will be playing for an hour. I'm also considering reaching out to Vic Chorus. We have four hundred tickets. Once you councillor elects are formally a part of council, one of you will be working with me on this. Tickets will go on sale on November 2nd.

- George: Will there be a bar?
- Stuart: Yes, a cash bar. With this event, we are trying to instill it with as much Vic Tradition as possible, I am still looking for a name. Email me with any suggestions.
- Anna: When is this starting?
- Stuart: It's from 9 until 1.
- Stuart: I have made the applications for the Winterfest co chairs or chairs, they are due on October 19th to my email and mailbox. Winterfest takes place the week following winter break. It is a cross campus initiative but Vic also does it's own events. The chairs/co chairs will oversee the vic committee and liaise with the other social heads and Winterfest chairs. It's a really cool position and opportunity.
- Thomas: Had it not been renamed frost week?
- Stuart: That was temporary.
- Thomas: Do you intend to change it permanently?
- Stuart: No, I don't.

- *ARTS & CULTURE* - Sumeeta

- Sumeeta: At the recommendation of Auni, for creating a tech committee. I think it's a good idea to have a group of students that know how to use tech for events. He recommended getting people from frosh week.
- Hannah: How big will the committee be?
- Rahul: I think we should do this after the meeting?
- Gabriel: Can we table this until you get numbers?
- Stuart: It's also at Sumeeta's discretion to form this committee.
- Rahul: I just don't know if we can vote on this.
- Gabriel: Point of information, can we strike a committee on an email vote.
- Emily: Yes.
- Sumeeta: Can I have people chosen and then put it to you guys? I would appoint thme.
- Hannah: Would the people in the committee being the only ones working tech?
- Sumeeta: They would be available to help and familiar with

Rahul moves to *table the creation of the tech committee* until the guidelines of the committee have been created. Alex seconds. Motion passes, one abstaining.

- *COMMUTER* - Anna

- For fall lockers we received around 139 applications, and 106 were assigned.
- We had a successful September. We had a really great pancakes with the presidents. The transition into the school year was a little tricky, and we stumbled with our preparations for our back-to-school social; we hope to improve our planning and promotions for future socials. Applications have now closed for VOCA first year exec. We hope to have our almost full exec team soon. We have Vic Pride coming in for pancakes next week. We hope to have lots of other other groups soon.
- Alex: I would like to thank Anna on your hard work over the past month. Thanks a lot Anna.

- *ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT* - Michelle

- Michelle: The committee hiring process finished today, we hired nine people out of thirteen: Ana Stonjanovic, Bland McNally, Aviva Glassman, Sara Taghina, Sara Li Farouzanfar, Sasha Garofalo, Menandro Cruz, Shulomith Sappire, and Nina Christanson. We will have our first meeting next week. Initially there were going to be five public speaking workshops. It is not within our budget however so there will be one workshop. I will apply to student projects to make this a five workshop thing however. These workshops target public speaking. These would be very beneficial and good for any career. On nov. 19th at five there will be an etiquette social with the Dean's office. They will teach you how to handle drinking at social events. At six there will be an award presentation for an alum 35 and younger. On October 26th there will be a holocaust survivor speaking. Look out for posters coming next week. There will be an event called the Alumni Holland Code Dinner that the alumni office and my committee are working on together. This event should happen next semester. We also need an MC for that event, someone who has done debate and has time. I would love if a few of you could join that committee.
- Anna: When and where is the October 26th event happening?
- Michelle: It is at 3pm.

ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS

- *STUDENT PROJECTS* - Enxhi

- ***To be edited***Enxhi: I have the operating policies with changes on it. So I'm just going to go through this in order of the changes that we have made. The first change is that in the original policy it says that student projects was the original name, that's not correct so I changed that. Under the chair's responsibilities it said that should be posted in a certain number of hours. I changed that. Original said that Student Projects reports to VUSAC. I changed it to be held accountable to and added to. I wanted to add some autonomy to the levy, so it's not reporting ultimately. If a student of the committee wishes to pass a project they must leave the room, abstain their vote if they are a part of the levy. Five out of the eleven people are VUSAC members, I feel that removing these people lessens VUSAC's presence a bit. If VUSAC were to reject a project, I feel that guidelines should be in place. I

thought this would be useful. If VUSAC rejects it then it goes to the advisory board with an explanation. The advisory board can then hold an interview with VUSAC. The voting committee is now six voting members and the non voting chair. The annual revision guidelines have two days before the meeting committee members will receive the applications. Applications will be available on the VUSAC website and on the student projects website. Projects will be within 72 hours. The advisory board will reserve the right to approve projects, to decide what is actually functioning. I just rearranged the assessment policy.

Rahul moves to ratify the changes to the Student Project's operating policy except aside from lines 29, 31, 53, 76. Gabriel seconds. Passes unanimously.

Gabriel moves to pull all of 29, 31, 53, and 76 of the Student Project's Operating Policy. Ben seconds. Passes unanimously.

- Gabriel: I just want to speak to this. I want to speak to 31. The kind of precedent this sets for dealing with levies, not only to we grant them autonomy but this is almost doing so irresponsibly. This would completely circumvent VUSAC. This means that VUSAC would only be giving the levy mobility. I think VUSAC should at least be able to look at the funds. The appointed advisory being the only ones would be unfair. We could see misuse with levies. A couple years ago Cat's Eye was trying to spend a lot on sweaters, for example. The levy may see it as an appropriate expense, but VUSAC can be seen as a check and balance for that. I think that this is incredibly misguided in terms of what it can do.

Rahul moves to extend discussion time by fifteen minutes. Alex seconds. Motion passes with two abstentions.

- Enxhi: VUSAC does not give student projects money, it is from every student. People on the committee are appointed by VUSAC. I don't think that this is misguided, the money does not go to us, it goes to other people.
- Rahul: Levies have autonomy, but it is conditional. VUSAC has never voted to reject any project that has been put forward. Our ability to vote against is our ability in extreme circumstances. Other levies have VUSAC oversight in different ways. For example with the cat's eye there are people sitting on the board. In the VUSAC constitution it says that the Cat's Eye advisory board is subject to VUSAC. A lot of the levies we have actually aren't mentioned.
- Enxhi: The advisory board is appointed by VUSAC, an indirect VUSAC thing.
- Gabriel: But that doesn't denote any kind of accountability. They don't report to us or yield to us based on anything. I think that this is a good idea but I think the paper execution is incredibly incorrect. In this scenario Student Projects can literally pass anything and VUSAC can't do anything about it, with no control of auditing or managing funds. We do that with every other single levy. Will still manage this levy and have operational oversight. In that case we should be a check and balance. Making sure that these projects are beneficial. Let's

say that a project is approved and the members are directly benefitted, VUSAC has no say to whether or not funding is appropriate. This could actually happen.

- Claire: I thought you were only reducing?
- Rahul: That's 29.
- Enxhi: I am going to take 31 back to the advisory board.
- Hannah: My understanding is that VUSAC has never voted in opposition. I think that we just want to be there in extreme cases.
- Enxhi: Regarding 31, it's just in cases where it's possible.
- Benjamin: There were several issues with the cat's eye overspending and such. We had discussion about removing their funds.
- Hannah: I feel like this extreme thing wont happen
- Enxhi: It's just in case, what would happens.
- Benjamin: If VUSAC members say its not appropriate then it doesn't happen. The logic that VUSAC appoints the advisory pboard members and therefore has a voice doesn't quite make sense. We don't control these people. I don't think this is necessarily fair. To say that we have some kind of control is to say that we have control of all levies operations.
- Bergita: I just want to say that this committee is pretty substantial, it's not just a generic committee. Every project is weighed with concerns, we also have to think about how long this takes in aVUSAC meeting. It is thoroughly considered. Finally, I think that with cat's eye mis management, I think that this can be kind of subjective.
- Rahul: I understand a lot of these points but we but we really do scrutinize every line of levies. In response to what Enxhi and Hannah said, it's true that it makes some sense that it means that there is nothing written in this policy about how it can be further disputed. I would be fine with passing 31 b1 and 2 and in consultation then be open to an exploration of what measures could be put in.

Ben moves to cede 8 minutes of time from focus groups to now. Rahul seconds. Passes with one opposed.

- Apurva: I was at the advisory meeting, I think that it was a let's have a form for the applicant and VUSAC to deal with this. If it gets passed these members then I think that it would be enough. In terms of 29, the conflict of interest was just to make sure that it was as accessible as possible. If a committee member were a first year for example and would feel uncomfortable.
- Benjamin: I do agree with you. I think the advisory board did a really great job with that. However, to checks and balances, I am not going to claim that I take precedence over the council to say what Vic students interests are. It would be a disservice to Vic if this is what happened.
- Enxhi: I would say take out number 3.

Rahul moves to pass item 31 B line 1 & 2. Michelle seconds. Motion passes with three abstentions.

- Rahul: I think we can kill discussion on everything but 29.
- Gabriel: On 29, my contention is with A1, I think the intention is good but the principal with this is that there is a hierarchy of membership. Saying that these people can't participate is unfair to all of the members. I understand you want to get rid of the giant VUSAC voice, but they may have interest in voting in different ways.
- Enxhi: Yeah, I didn't even consider that. I just want to lessen the VUSAC voice for those projects. Would it be plausible if it were a limited contribution?
- Gabriel: I think they should all be able to speak, just not vote. That this is a group that can't influence but that can present.
- Rahul: I think we could have more success if we tabled this and have a discussion later.

Rahul moves to approve A2 and B of item 29. Benjamin seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- *CRO* - Saambavi

- Saambavi: The elections ended yesterday. We had 541 votes, breaking the record. The results aren't official as of yet. I tallied a voter turnout this year, with the biggest turn out at Burwash. About 326 votes were cast by individuals online. The one thing I was iffy about was that many more residence students voted than commuters and off campus students.
- Ben: I just want to thank you for running things so smoothly and well.
- Thomas: Pie charts are perceptual-y inaccurate.
- Alex: I think there are a few things we can look at in terms of voting methods.

- *COMMUNICATIONS* - Alice

- I was just wondering if you guys wanted to resend me the link to the request forms.
- Sumeeta: Could you put the link on the website?
- Alice: I didn't want to put it on there so that I wouldn't get any irrelevant things. I wanted to keep it internal for that reason.
- Stuart: You can also star that initial email and then it'll be at the top of your emails.
- Claire: Maybe you could have it on the site with a password so that people can access it.
- Alice: When you are submitting things please follow the instructions.
- Gabriel: Can I speak on the listserv? After much pestering I got an email saying that it is not them supposed to give us access but the Dean's Office, so we should go through you guys. He said he would touch base with Kelly. I am sorry for the delay but these people weren't contacting me.
- Alice: Be mindful of timelines with your request and the timing of when you send it to me. Send them in advance and not with short notice. If you make your own posters you should be mindful of copyright laws. So don't take things off the internet, we could be sued for that. You can look online for copyright images and they are easy to find.

Rahul moves to *cede two minutes* of his time to this section of the agenda. Anna seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Alice: Invite your friends to like the VUSAC Facebook page. We are giving away semi formal tickets for the 1000th like.

JUDICIARY REPORTS

- *VP EXTERNAL* - Alex

- Alex: I want to talk about the white paper for the first year advisory program. Ben, after a meeting with President Robins and Dean Castle came up with this idea to connect first years with an advisor at Vic. We started thinking about how to conduct this research and present it. We came up with it being a white paper, which is a broad sketch of a proposal and idea. It was possible through the help of Ben, Laurent-Philippe, and Shannon. The paper explores a potential edition to the academic environment at Vic. One thing that can be very intimidating is approaching a professor. Having someone dedicated to working with you can really help. We looked at Canadian universities websites and looked into a program at Carleton University. After finding no similar things to Carleton's we looked to the U.S. I narrowed it down to about five programs. We were looking at schools with a 2000-6000 person student population and came up with William and Mary, Harvard, Dartmouth, and Tufts. Some key points for William and Mary were that they have an advisor and 6000 students. It is focused on academics and getting involved at the university and for research. They follow that with an upper year advisor. They give a whole framework for that and the responsibilities. Within that system they had peer mentors to serve as intermediaries. I think that is a very useful element. Harvard had a pretty good program. They have 97% retention rate. They have the advisor as a general advisor, a first stop resource for pretty much everything. Dartmouth was very similar to William and Mary. They fit with what we already have at Vic. Tufts had five different approaches to first year advising programs, some of which may be applicable to Vic. And so, onto ideas. Vic one already exists and has a small class component with access to professors. This is for people who are not in Vic One. Basically I want to allow people who are interested to sign up and match them with advisors with similar interests. This is just an overview of what was done over the summer. The Dean was very supportive but mentioned that there were a lot of details to be flushed out. Caucus was on September 18th, it was very nice to see many first years out. I was generally quite happy with the way things went. I regret that the first portion went so long. I hope to come up with a better structure in the future. I found that people were engaged with the questions and willing to speak to things, but we do have two more caucuses. The next one will likely be on November 13th. Planning for that is starting, I would love to get feedback from you guys on that. It would be incredibly helpful. I want it to be a very important thing.
- George: The first caucus seemed very UTSU centred, will this happen again?
- Gabriel: I don't think so.
- Alex: Ideally it will be more Vic centred.

- Cricket: If there could be not potato pizza.
- Thomas: I like having potato pizza.
- Stuart: I think we had two caucuses last year, this was definitely the most engaging. Moving forward, any theme for the caucus that could be advertised I think would be great.
- Gabriel: For people who didn't get a chance to present, if you could send Ben and I your material we can disseminate it to the VCU.
- Alex: I will be coming up with ideas, topics, etc., if you are interested in that you could think about being VPE councillor. I am in the process of attending meetings of other student societies on campus. That is a part of my mandate and then to bring back an idea of best practices between colleges. I am not sure what this will bring back but I am very excited. If you have things that would be cool to check out then let me know. I asked for this item hoping there would be a building meeting today, there was not. However, hopefully we will have a lot of collaboration opportunities in the future. I would like to see an all residence meeting to see how VUSAC could be of assistance with anything. If you have events that you would like to have advertised to residence then please send me details on that. I can pass this on to the dons. Engaging more people is really important this year.
- George: Can building councils make poster requests?
- Alice: If your event is for Vic at Large then yes. If not, still put forward the request and it will be dealt with depending on the incoming flow is.
- Claire: There's this cool website called canva.com where you can literally just put in text.
- Rahul: While Alice is great at making posters, let's not have the whole college going to her.
- Anna: Is there any room for me in any of the residence meetings?
- Alex: Yes. There's definitely room for that collaboration. I think it would be a good idea to meet with the building presidents. In the past collaborations have been discussed.
- Alice: I am hoping to get a councillor that would help with posters.

- *VP INTERNAL* - Rahul

- We have a retreat. It's going to be on the 17th and 18th of October. All VUSAC members are expected to be there, and should be. You will be arriving at Goldring at 9am on Saturday, there will be a social afterwards. There will be more retreat on the 18th. The retreat will be different from how it has been in the past.
- Cricket: On the internal budget several hundreds were given to the retreat. Is this not contrary to the budget policy?
- Shannon: It says that exceptions will be made, the retreat is over a day long.
- Benjamin: Last year we got folders.
- Rahul: I have told Ben like 10 times, yes. I just wanted to thank all the councillor elects for staying for this whole meeting and have been a part of the conversation.

- *CO-PRESIDENTS* - Benjamin and Gabriel

- Benjamin: The UTSU AGM is next Wednesday in OISE. Everyone with a proxy please come out. This week several bodies endorsed the same proposal as the VCU. I went to Trini-

ty and spoke in favour of it. And other bodies have endorsed too, including the St. George Round Table. It's really important that we rally people to come. At 3pm we are going to have people from Vic together. There is also a St. George wide rally at Trinity.

- Peter: has UTM endorsed anything.
- Benjamin: No.
- Gabriel: Let me ask that councillor elects get people to come and vote at the AGM. The more Vic's voice is represented the better.
- Alex: It's actually a lot of fun.
- Gabriel: There's free food, the bingo is great.
- Golda: I would really recommend that everyone go to the AGM. I went last year as councillor and it was really cool. It was one of the first times at Vic where I felt like I was connected to something bigger than myself, something really important.
- Gabriel: I am editing my report from the focus groups right now and it is being sent right now to those who participate and will be disseminated from there.
- Benjamin: I am also streamlining and editing right now. Those results should be in your hands by the next VUSAC meeting.
- Gabriel: We heard that there is a lot of interest in continuing these groups. I am totally open to that happening throughout the year. Whatever happens throughout the year will be very different to what happened in the summer. It would be more of an oversight body.
- Benjamin: It would be continuing the conversation. As you know two members to the VCC were elected, we are going to present these people to be added in ****names**.
- Gabriel: We are allowed to appoint individuals to these bodies so that there is proper student representation on these groups.

Rahul moves to omnibus the ratification of the VCC and VUS members Brett Weegar, Zoe Ritchie, Charlotte Wong Labow, Alex Martinborough, Zahavah Kay, Cindy Ma, Stephen Warner, and Eli Bourassa. Benjamin seconds. Motion passes, one abstaining.

Benjamin moves to ratify the omnibus-ed members. Rahul seconds. Motion passes, with one abstention.

- Claire: Lucinda and I met with the Vic Equity Collective. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of equity events this year at Vic. I've been having some planning difficulties with the art battle, so it will be pushed back a bit. Equity training will be coming up at the end of October. We had our first equity committee meeting today.

Claire moves to ratify Farhan Mahmood, Carleigh Campbell, Stephanie Spagnuolo, Katie Pereira, and Griffin Kelly to the equity committee. Gabriel seconds. Motion passes, with one abstention.

- Claire: We have ten members now. We had some very insightful discussions. I am already seeing new and innovative ideas. The meetings will be open to the public from now on.

- Anna: In regards to the lip sync battle, I will ask that if you want this to be open to commuters that you start advertising as soon as possible.

Stuart moves to *adjourn*. Gabriel seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned.